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Amendment
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from the proximal end, looped around the pulley, and passed out of the lumen through the proximal end; and

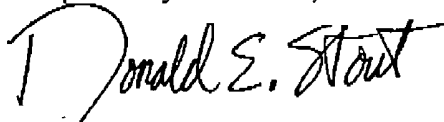
a suture locking plug movable within the lumen from a first position to a second position, wherein said first position is located distally of said suture pulley and said second position is located proximally of said suture pulley.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 24-26, 32, and 39 have been amended, and claims 37-38 and 41 are canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-36, 39, 40, and 42 are pending. These amendments have been made pursuant to discussions with Examiner Odland, and duplicate the amendments made in the proposed amendment forwarded to the examiner yesterday, which she has indicated place the application in condition for allowance.

Examiner Odland's courteous assistance in reviewing this application and her thoughtful consideration of the claims is appreciated. Should any further issues remain to be resolved, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,



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